RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5 is amended as follows:

In an embodiment, the assembly 508 includes a bush brush 523 fixed on the face of base 521 (Figure 5). In an embodiment, the brush 523 includes at least one bristle. In an embodiment, the brush includes a plurality of bristles. The bristles, in an embodiment, are formed of polytetrafluoroethylene, which is sold under the trademark TEFLON. The bristles, in an embodiment, are formed of nylon. The bristles, in an embodiment, are formed of plastic. The brush 523 extends downwardly from the base 521. Brush 523 is adapted to contact the chuck 305 and separate contaminants from the chuck, which can then be vacuumed into ports 514.